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and most accomplished woman of her time, she resolutely turned her hack on the throne of her inheritance, and, publicly betraying her dislike of the empty pomp and irksome restraint of royalty, set forth to wander through civilized and the pared to give i her back spain before and part through the pared to give i her back spain before and the machine of the empty pomp and irksome restraint of royalty, set forth to wander through civilized the pared to give i her back spain before and the machine of the empty pomp and irksome restraint of royalty, set forth to wander through civilized the pared to give i her back spain before and the machine of the empty pomp and irksome restraint of royalty, set forth to wander through civilized the pared to give i her back spain before and the restraint of the spain and manners, to collect all the knowledge which the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the pared to give in the back spain before and the rather of an independent traveller, who was resolved to sea all varieties of men and manners, to collect all the knowledge to the day, the hour, and the place, in the day, the hour, and the place, in the day, the hour, and the place, in the had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience could give her had given me the packet; and with the widest experience of the standard provides and her voice was still as stead

and startling passages in her life may profitably be introduced in this place. The events of which the narrative is composed throw light, in many ways, on the manners, nabits, and opinmany ways, on the manners, nabits, and opinions, of a past age, and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and the same and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and the same and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and the same and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and the same and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and the same and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and the same and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can, moreover, be with the same stern look and they can be also stern look and they can be also

and Father Le Bel of the Convent of Fontaine bleau, the witness whose testimony we are

shortly about to cite.

Monald schi, as his name implies, was an Italian by birth. He was a handsome, accomplished man, refined in his manners, supple in his disposition, and possessed of the art of making himself eminently agreeable in the society of women. With these personal recommendapricious fancy as Monaldeschi. The intimacy ween them probably took its rise, on her side was in Christina's nature to feel. On the side of the Italian, the connection was prompted solely by ambition. As soon as he had risen to the distinction and reaped all the advantages Court, he wearied of his royal mistress, and addressed his attentions secretly to a young Roman lady, whose youth and beauty powerfully attracted him, and whose fatal influence over

the Roman lady, in various ways, Monaldeschi found that the surest means of winning her frailties of Queen Christina. He was not a man who was troubled by any scrupulous feelings of honor, when the interests of his own intrigues happened to be concerned; and he in the most moving terms to listen to im, and that he held towards Christina to commit reaches of confidence of the most inexcusably ingrateful and the most meanly infamous kind. Queen's letters to himself, which contained secrets that she had revealed to him in the fullest which her eyes expressed while they ested on idence of his worthiness to be trusted; the Marquis's face.

At last she shook herself free from 1 is greep. found it impossible to forgive. While he was thus privately betraying the confidence that had been reposed in him, he was publicly affecting

For some time, this disgraceful deception proceeded successfully. But the hour of the discovery was appointed, and the instrument of whip which she carried in her hand. "I offer effecting it was a certain Cardinal who was destrous of supplanting Monaldeschi in the Queen's favor. The priest contrived to get justify himself if he can."

pose to quote, begins. Father Le Bel was with copies of the whole correspondence which cret, he is wisely and honorably silent through-out his narrative on the subject of Monald-eschi's offence. Such particulars of the Italsomewhat contradictory reports which were cur-rent at the time, and which have been preserved

The 6th of November, 1657, (writes Father sent one of her men-servants to my convent, to pers contained in the packet.

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If the substant well and the affirm of the substant well and the substant well as the subst

voice, whether he had any knowledge eye witness, who beheld them two centuries ago.

The scene is in Paris; the time is the close of the year sixteen hundred and fifty seven; the

persons are the wandering Queen Christina, her grand equerry, the Marquis Monaldeschi, "Do you deny all knowledge of them?' said the Queen. "Answer me plainly, sir. es or The Marquis turned paler still. "I d ny all

knowledge of them," he said, in faint ones, with his eyes on the ground. "Do you deny all knowledge of these, said the Queen, suddenly producing a second packet of manuscript from under her dre s, and thrusting it in the Marquis's face.

He started, drew back a little, and an not a word. The packet which the Que in had given to me contained copies only. The original papers were those which she had just thrust in the Marquis's face.

"Do you deny your own seal and your own handwriting?" she asked.

He murmured a few words, acknowledging both the seal and the handwriting to be own, and added some phrases of excise, in attached to the writing of the letters on the shoulders of other persons. While speaking, the three men in attendance on

Queen silently closed round him.

The three men, as she spoke thos words drew their swords.

The Marquis heard the clash of the against the scabbards, and, looking quickly round, saw the drawn swords behind h m. He caught the Queen by the arm immedia sly, and drew her away with him, first into on corner hamelessly took advantage of the position to believe in the sincerity of his reputance. The Queen let him go on talking, with at show ing the least sign of anger or impatier ce. Her color never changed; the stern lot a never He gave to the Roman lady the series of the left her countenance. There was a mething

the new object of his addresses, in which he ridi- still without betraying the slightest | ritation culed the Queen's fondness for him, and sarcas-tically described her smallest personal defects followed the Marquis silently as he led the followed the Marquis silently as he led the Queen from corner to corner of the gallary, now closed round him again, as soon as he was for a minute or more. Then the Caeen ad- caught the blade with his hand, cutting three der of Monaldeschi, and who had foreaken the

dressed herself to me.
"Father," she said, I charge you to bear wit ness that I treat this man with the st, ctest im that worthless traitor all the time he , quiresmore time than he has any right to ak for-to

The Marquis, hearing these words, pok some letters from a place of concealment it his dress, and gave them to the Queen, alo g with a small bunch of keys. He snatched hese last from his pocket so quickly, that he drew out to the floor. As he addressed him telf to the Queen again, she made a sign with her ebony riding whip to the men with the dra n swords; and they retired towards one of the rindows of hearing. The conference which usued be-tween the Queen and the Marquis sted near-ly an hour. When it was over, ler Majesty

remain here any longer. I leave that man," she pointed to the Marquis agair, "to your care. Do all that you can for the rood of bis soul. He has failed to justify hisself, and I

he was standing, and flung himsel at her feet.
I dropped on my knees by his side, and entreated her to pardon him, or at least to visit his

these columns, it is impossible to follow her, with sufficient attention to details, through the adventures which attended her travelling cadventures which induce her to resign.

> slight change pass over her face and it occurred to me that she might not have been indisposed at that moment to grant some respite,

On returning to the gallery, I found the three men standing around the Marquis, with their sword-points on the floor, exactly as I "Is he to live or to die?" they asked when I

words; my face answered the question. The confession, speaking sometimes in Latin, some- in your service. \* times in French, sometimes in Italian, according as he could best explain himself in the agiother by the hand. When their conference was quite so heavily bribed." over, the chaplain left the gallery again, taking deadly purpose. After a short absence, this

quis, "and make up your mind to die." of his fingers in the act. At the same mo-ment, the point touched his side, and glanced Threatened with the loss of her revenues, as off. Upon this, the man who had struck at him exclaimed, "He has armor under his mained in Sweden, the proud and merciless clothes!" and, at the same moment, stabbed

as I did so, the man who had wounded him re- sixteen hundred and eighty-nine. Even it as I did so, the man who had wounded him retired a little, and signed to his two companions to withdraw also. The Marquis, with one knee on the ground, asked pardon of God, and said certain last words in my ear. I immediately gave him absolution, telling him that he must atone for his sins by suffering death, and that he must pardon those who were about to kill him. Having heard my words, he threw him-

him on the surface of the skull.

The Marquis sank on his face, then raise him outright, by striking him on the neck. taste. A gentleman is something much be-The same man who had last wounded him yound this. At the base of all his ease and re-The same man who had last wounded him obeyed, by cutting two or three times at his neck, without, however, doing him any great the same spirit which lies at the root of every chinese. For it was, indeed, true that he wore Christian virtue. It is the thoughtful desired injury. For it was, indeed, true that he wore armor under his clothes, which armor consisted of doing in every instance to others as he of a shirt of mail, weighing nine or ten pounds, ought to desire that others should do unto him.

was time to give Monaldeschi the finishing avoid touching upon any subject which may stroke. I pushed the man violently away from needlessly hurt their feelings—how he may ab-

ered as a sufficient cause for banishing the Fearful as I was of irritating her, I still ven- Queen of Sweden from the court and dominions tured on reiterating my remonstrances. She of his sovereign, who, in common with every on the soil of France." falt hamifad at the

To this letter Queen Christina sent the fol-lowing answer, which, as a specimen of spiteful if she could have done so without appearing to effrontery, has probably never been matched: the risk of letting Monaldeschi escape her. municated to you the details of the death of my Before I passed the door, I attempted to take equerry, Monaldeschi, knew nothing at all about advantage of the disposition to relent which I it. I think it highly absurd that you should fancied I had perceived in her; but she angri-ly reiterated the gesture of dismissal before of informing yourself about one simple fact. I had spoken half a dozen words; and, with Such a proceeding on your part, ridiculous as it is, does not, however, much astonish me. Wha I am amazed at is, that you, and the King your master, should have dared to express disar proval of what I have done.

Understand, all of you-servants and masters little people and great—that it was my sovereign render an account of my actions to any one

"It may be well for you to know, and to re-Marquis groaned heavily, but said nothing. I port to any one whom you can get to listen to sat myself down on a stool, and beckoned to you, that Christina cares little for your court, him to come to me, and begged him, as well as and less still for you. When I want to revenge my terror and wretchedness would let me, to think of repentance, and to prepare for another world. He began his confession kneeling at act as I did. My will is my law, and you ought my feet, with his head on my knees. After to know how to respect it. \* \* \* Under-continuing it for some time, he suddenly stand, if you please, that wherever I choose to started to his feet with a scream of terror. I live, there I am Queen; and that the men contrived to quiet him, and to fix his thoughts about me, rascals as they may be, are better again on heavenly things. He completed his than you and the myrmidons whom you keep

"Take my advice, Mazarin, and behave tation and misery which now possessed him.

Just as he had concluded, the Queen's chaptore to deserve it. Heaven preserve you from venture in the concluded to lain entered the gallery. Without waiting to receive absolution, the unhappy Marquis rushed away from me to the chaplain, and, still clinging desperately to the hope of life, he because of the state of the state of the state of the world, for I have friends and followers in my service who are as unsought him to intercede with the Queen. The scrupulous and as vigilant as any in yours, two talked together in low tones, holding each though it is probable enough that they are not After replying to the Prime Minister of

with him the chief of the three executioners France in these terms, Christina was wise who were appointed to carry out the Queen's enough to leave the kingdom immediately. For three years more, she pursued her travels. man returned, without the chaplain. "Get At the expiration of that time, her cousin, the your absolution," he said, briefly, to the Mar-King of Sweden, in whose favor she had abdicated, died. She returned at once to her own country, with the object of possessing herself the gallery, just under the picture of Saint Ger-ishment of the merciless crime that she had main; and before I could interfere, or even sanctioned overtook her at last. The brave turn aside from the sight, aimed at the Mar- and honest people of Sweden refused to be gov left standing alone. There was perfect silence, quis's right side with his sword. Monaldeschi erned by the woman who had ordered the mur

Monaldeschi in the face. As he received the She resigned, once more, all right and title to wound, he turned round towards me, and cried the royal dignity, and left her native country for the last time. The final place of her retire up, with stern brevity, in this one line:

CHRISTINA LIVED SEVENTY-TWO YEARS.

merely a person acquainted with certain forms sessed in society, able to speak, and act, and move in the world without awkwardness, and free from habits which are vulgar and in bad and rising so high round his neck, inside his collar, as to defend it successfully from any chance blow with a sword.

Seeing this, I came forward to exhort the Marquis to bear his sufferings with patience, for the remission of his sins. While I was speaking, the chief of the three executioners tains the position of every one with whom he is brought into contact, that he may give to advanced, and asked me if I did not think it was time to give Monaldeschi the finishing avoid touching upon any subject which may Le Bel.) at a quarter past nine in the morning, Queen Christina of Sweden, being at that time lodged in the royal palace of Fontainebleau, sent one of her men-servants to my convent, to

water's edge, adds greatly to the secularity of the occasion. This worldly effect is still further confirmed by observing how thoroughly every one seems to have left the thought of religion and worship behind him. A few seats to our right sits a gentleman, well known in the House of Commons, with his hat on, reading the Economist. Some one else immediately under our eye has the Examiner. The circumstance is suggestive, and we count fourteen persons reading newspapers, and make a round guess that at least a hundred and fifty gentle-

her abandont atteresting to the which are table should that she freed herself from other restraints besides the restraint of royalty, and that, if she was mentally distinguished by her capacities, she was also morally disgraced by her vices and her crimes.

The events in the strange life of Christina—
The events in the strange life of vation are not wanting, and the h's are never at fault. His loud notes are those of the actor, not of the orator; they are from use and nerism than a grace. Still the voice is clear and penetrating, and not a person in that vast The prayer concluded, Mr. Spurgeon gave

"Before Jehovah's awful throne." He read it through, having first announce that the tune would be the "Old Hundredth," and then read each verse separately, before was sung. It is scarcely possible to give any en thousard voices, as they swelled the massive harmonies of that grand tune with a fullness of breath rarely heard. After singing the second verse, Mr. Spurgeon said: "I will read the third verse, and you will sing the fourth, and let the uplifting of your voices be as the sound of many waters!" His audience responded to his wish. The words of the verse were:

"We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs, High as the Heavens our voices raise:
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

Most magnificent was the shout of praise that now went up. Not a voice was mute, save where occasionally some one's nerves were overpowered by the massive rolling chorus that course of life. Much of this grand effect was self-much to the fact that all the congregation more than a very pleasant kind of Sunday dis knew it—something to the exciting effect of numbers—and perhaps not a little to the practice of reading each verse before it is sung; a practice we have always thought a very reason able one, especially amongst the poor and those

THE SERMON. The text was in these words: "My soul, wait thou only upon my God, for my expecta-tion is from him." He divided his subject into two parts-an exhortation and an expectation. The exhortation, "My soul, wait thou only upon God." The soul, he said, is the mainspring of the whole body. Keep that right with God, and all else will be right. The Christian soul is to wait upon God for the great object of life, for the means of life, for protection, and direc-tion. After much more in this kind, he selectwas his ambition?" said the speaker. "To roots of a great ancestral tree, whose boughs should stretch out into the earth, and whose fruit should be gathered by many generations. So he in effect said, 'My soul, wait thou only upon novel-writing;' and he succeeded. He founded his family, he reared his palace, he got one day, one of those under-currents that run hidden along the course of trade and speculalast and greatest hopes. Without entertaining the question as to the propriety and justice of with reluctance kept from applauding the

After stating a variety of cases in which lay his finger upon the exact example in antry.] It is parish pay, and he lives upon it and enjoys it. For all else that he wants, he draws upon the bank of Faith, where he has a large credit, and his cheques are never dishonored. If you tell him that his pay is stopped, he will answer that he does not lay it to heart. The life led by Persian ladies is listless and indolent, and to any civilized woman would be insufferable, monotonous, and insipid. Their duties are the superintendence of household after any that he does not lay it to heart.

felt that the performance was as good as over, and a restless rustling amongst the company induced Mr. Spurgeon to request them not to go until he had given them his blessing. Spreadout his arms, he invoked the dews of heaven and the grace of God upon every heart; and in five minutes—thanks to the admirable contrivance for egress-the whole of the vast throng were promenading by the lake, or stopping to admire the interior of the building, or patiently threading their way to the outer gates. And so ended the most extraordinary substitute for Divine service that it ever fell to our lot to

ess that at least a number least seem that one is strongly the virtue and the reason of consecrated places. With the one exception, that nearly every one of the assembly was furnished with what might have been hymn book, prayer book, or Bible, there was nothing in the place, the company, or the occasion, to lead a stranger to suppose that anything like the worship of God had entered into the remotest contemplation of those present.

of consecrated places. With the one exception, that nearly every one of the assembly was furnished with what might have been hymn book, prayer book, or Bible, there was nothing in the powers are likely to be of any permanent unit to the cause of religion. It is probable that his fame may continue to win him extensive support and large audiences, but, unless he change his style of preaching very considerably, he will always be in danger of bringing religion into contempt, and his hearers will come together, not for the better, but for the worse. We hear a great deal said in the present day about influencing the masses, and some day about influencing the masses, and some day about influencing the masses, and some day about influencing the attract ent day about influencing the masses, and some have supposed that Mr. Spurgeon has a great talent in that way. To deny that he attracts huge assemblies would be absurd, but it yet remains to be seen what good is done. A great is an eccentric disregard of conventional propriety and of the taste usually supposed to at-tend upon a good education, is not in itself a happy result at all, except in so far as thes people are made wiser and better. But it is manifest, from the utter worldliness and absence of devotion in the assembly, that religious improvement was not what they were in quest

music-seller told us the other day that to provide tickets "for Spurgeon" is as much a branch of his business as to supply tickets for the opera or the French theatre—that fashionthe same time for tickets for Albert Smith, Spur geon, and Christy's Minstrels. The behaviour of the company on Sunday, their undevout man ner, the absence of all religious spirit, completely confirms the impression that these great Sunday gatherings are either a gigantic imposture or an egregious mistake. Yet, there have been those who maintain that Mr. Spurgeon should be allowed to tell his funny jokes and indulge in his coarse personalities in the nave of Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's cathedral, and who hold up the clergy of the church to scorn because they fail to attract the like crowds or produce the same excitement! But let not the elergy be beguiled into an imitation of Mr. Spurgeon's peculiarities. Let them imitate his care in preparing his subject-matter, his apt-ness at illustration, his plainness of speech, and his courage. But let them eschew his vulgarirose on every side. Never did we so realize what congregational singing might become. It was an uplifting of voice and heart, such as one can hope to hear only a few times in the or of Heaven-sent success. The truth is, that

A DEAD SHOT .- In his "Cyclopedia of Wi and Humor," Mr. Burton quotes, from a work published in 1796, entitled "Modern Chivalry," the following reply to a challenge: "Sir, have two objections to this duel matter. The one is, lest I should hurt you; and the other is, lest you should hurt me. I do not see what good it would do me to put a bullet through any part of your body. I could make no use of you when dead, for any culinary purpose, as I would a rabbit or a turkey. I am no cannibal, to feed on the flesh of men. Why, then, shoot down a human creature, of which I can meat; for, though your flesh may be delicate had conspiciously erred through waiting upon and tender, yet it wants that firmness and con-worldly ambition, and not upon God. "What sistency which takes and retains salt. At any You might make a good barbecue, it is true, being of the nature of a raccoon or an opossum; but people are not in the habit of barbe-cuing anything human now. As to your hide,

Persian Ladies,-Though my knowledge of tion rose up to the surface, and, like a flood, tunity of crossing the threshold of a zenana, swept all his wealth away, and overthrew his last and greatest hopes. Without entertaining here all my life—I feel that it is incumbent on the question as to the propriety and justice of me to say something concerning them. Women this treatment of the great novelist's characon of the villages, and many of the lower ranks in ter, there is no denying that it was elequently and ably said. The company listened to it as with a stranger, and many even of the more reto a powerful piece of declamation, and were spectable orders are not so shy as might be spectable orders are not so shy as might be supposed. The mother and sister of my land-lord at Sheerauz often came to my quarters to talk with me, and generally laid aside their veils; and when I walked on the roof of the used to come up and stare at me, and were not particular about concealing their faces when pointing to different portions of his audi-ence as he spoke, as if certain that he could are, however, far removed from the ken of ordinary mortal men; abroad, they are closely veiled, and sometimes guarded by attendants; and at home, no one of the other sex beholds their faces, save their husbands,

He must live as long as his Heavenly Father orders, and to live he must have food; and if it come not from the parish, his Heavenly Father will send it from somewhere else."

Speaking of the duty of prayer in times of doubt, he said: "The proper way is to go to God straight at once, and before going to any-body else, and hefore you have made up your needlework and embroidery; most of them are

course, when the speaker proposed to treat of the second part of the text—"My expectation is from him." Looking significantly for a moment, and pointing with his finger as if to some one on whom his eye had fixed, he said: "You this country as by their fair sisters in any quartics of every description, and is not unfrequently completely ruled by her; for I am told that the noble arts of hen-pecking, coaxing, and worrying, are fully as well understood and as often practiced in this country as by their fair sisters in any quartics." Yes," represented the second part of the second part of the text—"My expectation is from him." Looking significantly for a moment, and pointing with his finger as if to some one whom his eye had fixed, he said: "You

life, and favor the unwearied pursuit of his studies. Here, he dwelt in a family, which, for piety, order, harmony, and every virtue, was a house of God. Here, he had the privilege of a country recess, the fragrant bower, the spreading lawn, the flowery garden, and other advantages, to soothe his mind, and aid his restoration to health; to yield him, whenever he chose them, the most grateful intervals from his laborious studies, and enable him to return to them with redoubled vigor and delight." In all the annals of hospitality there is hardy such another case. "A coalition," as Dr. movement is produced on similar wheels in the Johnson calls it, "a state in which the notions electrical clock. With each rupture and each of patronage and dependence were overpowered in which, it may be added, there must have

which now fill the six collective quartos, we are all of us debtors of the generous knight and his gentle lady; nor, we may well believe, is their labor of love forgotten by Him who, in the case of the least of His servants when sick, remembe a those who visit them .- North Brit-NORTH CAROLINA WITNESS .- It must be con-

soft and idle; and as it was in the cheerful

asylum which they opened to the shattered in-valid that most of the works were penned

Plaintiff's son on the stand. Recollects the new woman."

ditching perfectly, but seems to have forgot all "You say your daddy did all this ditching. Do you know what he got in pay for it?" in-quired Col. C. for defendant.

"He never got nothing, as ever I hearn on ; that's what he never got," answered the witcon. Didn't your daddy get corn and bacon

ast summer? "Vittles, mostly."

"What sort of victuals?"

"Well, meat and bread, and some whisky? "Where did he get that meat and bread?" "Didn't he get some of it from defendant?

"He mought." "I know he mought, but did he? that's the "Well, he mought, and then again you know

he moughtn't." (With considerable excitement, and in tones of thunder,) "Answer the question, sir, and no brellas, red boxes, and other pieces of baggage, more of this trifling with your oath. Did your which heralded the rapid approach of the bride. daddy, or did he not, get corn and bacon from the defendant for ditching?"

adzactly, you know."

Here his honor interferes, and, with a stern, udicial frown, addresses witness thus: "Witness, you must answer the question, or

the court will be compelled to deal with you. Can't you say yes or no?"

danger-"Well, Judge, I can't adzactly remember,

you know, seein' as how it's all dun bin gone ties. one determined to out with it, "to the best of paid their religious devoirs to Heaven. Next, a my reckerlection, if my memory serves me document, with the marriage contract, was right, he mought, and then again he moughtn't." publicly and distinctly read. Worship was The plaintiff saved his bacon. Verdict ac-

of the Philadelphia Press relates the following Here, standing side by side, two cups of wine amusing anecdote of one of the citizens of Lock the person spoken of, and is said to be one of those free-and-easy, good hearted, humorous fellows, that are always ready to crack a joke berries, and confections, among the crowd of or perpetrate a "sell."
Some fifteen years ago, Ben was travelling

in Butler county on professional business. The roads were intolerably bad, and, worst of all, the stage drivers and landlord at a certain ho- her upper dress, which by this time must have tel. where they stopped for dinner, had an un- become excessively cumbersome. derstanding with each other, something like this: the passengers were taken in to dine, and when cleverly seated, the coach would furiously dash up to the door, and the driver would call for his passengers, stating that he could not delay a minute, on account of making his time. They would rush out, leaving their meals half finished, for fear of being left. For the halffinished meal they were charged half a dollar. The victuals were kept for the next load of pas-

see if he could not get the full value of his money. The bell rang for dinner, and the crowd rushed in. They had scarcely got comfortably seated, when the coach reined up at the door, and the driver vociferously shouted-"Passengers all aboard! can't wait but five

and ate his dinner very composedly. The stage drove off and left him, but he seemed to care very little about it. Having disposed of his dinner, he was enjoy-

ing the laxury of a long nine in the side room, when the landlord approached him, saying—
"I—I beg your pardon, sir; but did you see set of silver tea-spoons on the table when you

"Well, they are missing-can't be found." "Ah, yes," replied Ben, "one of the passer gers gathered them up—I saw him do it." "Would you know him again?" gasped the

"Will you point him out to me, if I hitch up

everybody wondered, to see the landlord covered with mud, and his borse foaming with sweat. Ben jumped out of the buggy, and got into the stage; when the driver, thinking that he had hired the landlord to bring him after, was on the point of driving off, when the latter

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Yes," replied Ben.

Are you sure?" Yes, sirree," shouted our bachelor friend.

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"You!" thundered Boniface, "what the devil did you do with them spoons?"

"I put them in the coffee pot, may it please your honor; you will find them all safe," replied Ben, with a curious twinkle in his eye. "Sold, by ginger, by that darned Yankee! yelled the landlord, while the passengers roared

with laughter; and putting the whip to his horse, drove back, resolving to give the passengers ever afterwards ample time for dinner. ELECTRICAL CLOCKS .- A new set of timekeepers has been recently placed in the City Hall, New York, regulated by electrical ap-paratus. There are eight of them, and all are controlled by one; the machinery of which is contrived so as to break and units an electrical

circuit, at intervals of a second. This is e revolving teeth successively. At the point of touch the electrical circuit is joined, and at the space between the teeth it is broken-and by those alternating operations a corresponding clossing of the circuit, the minute wheels of all by the perception of reciprocal benefits;" and the clocks are driven around one second, and when the machines are all in order they must been, on either side, a rare exemption from the foibles with which ordinary goodness is afflicted. The Abneys did not weary of their guest, nor priatiation (\$3,000) are thirty. All the de did that guest, amidst unwonted luxuries, grow partments in the buildings about the Park will be furnished with these clocks, and one will probably be set up above the entrance of the City Hall, to be illuminated at night.

CHINESE WEDDING CEREMONIES, -On the auspicious day itself, I hastened to witness the lady leave her mother's home, about seven o'clock in the evening. She was in a little room, to which her earliest associations had been confined, surrounded by women and matrons, (her mother among them,) weeping and wailing. She had trimmed herself, powdered fessed they sometimes meet with rare specimens of human nature in some of the courts of and, as she could afford them, displayed her North Carolina. Here is a case recently reported in the Asheville Spectator. The writer gives it under the head of "Legal Proceed plied herself at the nearest pawnbroker's. At last the bridal chair was at the door, with chair-Action for work and labor done in cutting bearers and musicians. A concourse of spec mass of people gathered together in a ball-room, ditch on defendant's land. Plea: Payment set tators stood outside, eager, if not impatient, to

After the procession was duly arranged, the bride was carried out of her room, as if vi et armis, by her brothers, and she was placed in her nuptial sedan, seemingly in a helpless con-dition. When carried out of her father's house, she was lifted over a pan of lighted charcoal This precaution was explained as necessary to prevent the lady carrying off with her all the "What did your daddy and his family live on set summer?"

wore a singularly shaped hat, with a veil of the family. beads, &c., that almost covered her face. Every symbol of gaiety was exhibited, identified with their notions of a wedding occasion, when, according to their phraseology, "the phoenixes sing in harmony," and compatible with the

bridegroom's finances. The whole retinue hurried on amongst wind ing streets lined with staring spectators, preceded by men and boys with torches and crack ers. By this time a messenger had announced that the lady was "a-comin'," and all was astir at the bridegroom's, where the gates were opened to receive the gaudy banners, pink um-Presently the chair-bearers rushed in. Three heavy crackers intimated that the bridal sedan "Well, now, he mought; it don't occur had actually come. This conveyance was attended by four bridesmaids on foot, in black dresses and with pink sashes; but they were old women. A singular-dressed mistress o ceremonies came out to accost the young bride As she stepped out of her chair, a horse saddle was laid on the floor, over which she had to stride. Her four maids supported the lady in "Well, then, answer yes or no. Did or did passing into the inner apartments. Here she not your daddy get corn and bacon from the met the bridegroom, who, by the way, had to defendant at the time referred to?" inquired be searched for, and led out for introduction to his future companion-a farce sometimes play ed at a Chinese wedding as if to denote extreme modesty, or timidity, on the part of the husband, in entering on his new responsibil

then paid at the ancestral tablets of the hus band's family. After this, the pair was conducted into the bridal chamber, which was im-A LANDLORD OUTWITTED .- A correspondent mediately crowded with friends and visiters and sirup, joined by a scarlet thread, were exceremony was concluded by what is called sale chung, or throwing a plateful of various fruits. spectators, who were eager to pick up what out of his chamber rejoicing." The bride was detained within to be unveiled, and to change

> Advertiser gives an account of a very curious method of preserving fruit, having received a pear covered over with a coat of copper by the electrotype process. Not only the surface of the pear, but the stem and bud, are covered with a smooth, even, and impervious copper surface. We are aware that many curious experiments of this nature have frequently en made, but should think that the idea might be almost indefinitely developed in taking casts of many organic objects now copied with great difficulty. There are many varie ties of grasses, fruit, mosses, insects, or shell fish, which might be grouped and coppered, or otherwise coated with metal, and which would serve as excellent models for artists. Boquets of this nature could be very easily made, not only by the professional electro-plater, but by any ingenious amateurs; and we are confident that those who have obtained the proper apparatus, and made a few successful experiments, would soon prefer this to any other branch of fancy work. Brackets or vases, surrounded with such imperishable ornaments, would, if tastefully designed, be most exquisite works of art. Naturalists could by this means bring from tropical countries, in perfectly sound con dition, many fruits at present known only by drawings, or occasionally by the troublesome and bulky method of preservation in spirits. We have seen from time to time very tasteful ornaments made by the electrotype process, but do not think that people are generally aware of the ease with which it may be applied to such

At a Sunday-school examination, the teacher asked a boy whether he could forgive those who my horse and buggy, and overtake the stage?" had wronged him. "Could you," said the